

House Resolution 571

By: Representatives Amerson of the 9th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Royal of the 171st, Lane of the 158th, Hamilton of the 23rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Dahlonega Gold Museum; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, twenty years before the famed 1849 gold rush in California, the true beginning
3 of our country's first gold rush began in north Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this gold rush is symbolized in the bricks cast from gold-enriched Cane Creek
5 that were used in the building of the Lumpkin County Courthouse, now the site of the
6 Dahlonega Gold Museum and one of the oldest courthouses still standing in the United
7 States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Dahlonega Gold Museum has continued its efforts to offer hundreds of
9 programs to thousands of school children annually and to involve the local community in
10 celebrating history; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Dahlonega Gold Museum developed a preservation plan that was
12 recognized and funded by the Department of Natural Resources to improve and stabilize the
13 historic structures, serve local schools in their educational efforts, improve documentation,
14 and improve exhibits; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Dahlonega Gold Museum is one of only two state historic sites to receive
16 funding from the Department of Natural Resources; and
- 17 WHEREAS, all the accomplishments of the Dahlonega Gold Museum would not have been
18 possible if it had not been for the hard-working and dedicated staff working alongside their
19 volunteers, the Friends of the Gold Museum, and the local community; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has awarded the Dahlonega Gold
21 Museum, in a competition with 15 historic sites and 48 state parks, with the Best Year-Round

1 Historic Site Programming Award for 2006 for its commitment to preservation,
2 interpretation, and community involvement.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize the Dahlonega Gold Museum for their outstanding
5 service to the State of Georgia and the United States, commend their dedication to excellence
6 in museum programming and historic preservation, and express sincere appreciation for their
7 efforts.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Dahlonega Gold Museum.